

Rush	Skelton	Towns
Ryan (OH)	Slaughter	Udall (CO)
Sabo	Smith (WA)	Udall (NM)
Salazar	Snyder	Van Hollen
Sánchez, Linda T.	Solis	Velázquez
Sánchez, Loretta	Spratt	Visclosky
Sanders	Stark	Wasserman
Schakowsky	Strickland	Schultz
Schiff	Stupak	Watson
Schwartz (PA)	Tanner	Watt
Scott (GA)	Tauscher	Waxman
Scott (VA)	Taylor (MS)	Weiner
Serrano	Thompson (CA)	Wexler
Sherman	Thompson (MS)	Wu
	Tierney	Wynn

## NOT VOTING—27

Blumenauer	Everett	Menendez
Boyd	Green, Gene	Pascarell
Brown-Waite,	Hastings (WA)	Paul
Ginny	Hayes	Peterson (PA)
Buyer	Holden	Sullivan
Chocola	Hyde	Walden (OR)
Coble	Jones (NC)	Waters
DeFazio	Kind	Woolsey
Doyle	McDermott	
Etheridge	McNulty	

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Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida changed her vote from "aye" to "no." Mr. SOUDER changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4297.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

## AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4437, BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

(Mr. PUTNAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee may meet next week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 4437, the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Rules Committee in room H-312 of the Capitol by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Judiciary Committee on December 8, 2005, which is expected to be filed with the House next week. Members are also advised that the text should be available for their review on the Web sites of the Judiciary and Rules Committees by Friday, December 9.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that

their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4099

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4099.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3875

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3875.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the acting majority leader, for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

For Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, as well as H.R. 4437, the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, under a rule. We also anticipate the House will consider additional conference reports, including the USA PATRIOT Act; the Labor, Health and Human Services and Department of Defense appropriations bills; and possibly the deficit reduction and tax relief packages.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

As you know, a lot of work remains to be done which is supposed to be, as I understand it, may be, I suppose, our last week. Many hope it will be our last week, at least for the month, including the completion of the conference report, as you have said, on Labor-Health and DOD appropriation, the DOD authorization, TRIA, PATRIOT Act.

So for Members' planning purposes, can you tell me when you expect to finish work for the year?

Mr. BLUNT. Once we return on Tuesday, the Members should expect the House to be in session and voting every day until we adjourn. That could happen as early as next Thursday, but certainly by next Saturday or possibly Sunday, and we would not anticipate returning until we return after the first of the year.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

If we do not pass, for whatever reasons, the DOD appropriation bill and the Labor-Health appropriation bill, presumably we will need a CR. Could the leader tell me how long you would anticipate that CR being?

Mr. BLUNT. We have not contemplated that because we do expect to pass both of those bills next week before we leave. I think we are absolutely committed to do that and expect to see both of those on the floor individually, and we will then have brought all of our appropriations work to the floor individually, though certainly one of those bills, probably the Department of Defense bill, will include whatever additional appropriations have to be handled before we leave this year. But we would expect to handle those under regular order and would only contemplate a CR if that became the absolute only resort left to us. I would not anticipate that.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

Focusing on the DOD bills, the authorization and the appropriation bill, technically, as I understand it, we have not gone to conference on either one of those at this point in time. One of the reasons is, I presume, that there will be a motion to instruct on the McCain amendment on one of those bills. Can the gentleman tell me when we might have a motion to go to conference? I know you have talked about them coming on the floor as conference reports, but in light of the fact we have not gone to conference yet, could the gentleman inform me as to when we might have a motion to go to conference?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank my friend for yielding and would say that we expect those motions early in the week. I thought even today we might get one of those motions today as the work is done to try to work through some of the things that appear to be problems in the conference that need to be worked out, and I would expect to see that happen early in the week in both instances.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, this is not a question, but let me tell you the difficult position this puts us in, which I hope we ought to really preclude in the future in fairness.

The purpose of a motion to instruct conferees is obviously to convey to them the opinion of the House as it relates to the product of the conference. Clearly, if that motion is not made until essentially after the conference work is done, the motion essentially is of little, if any, value. I understand the